

CONTOOCOOK VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Office of the Superintendent of Schools
106 Hancock Road, Peterborough, NH 03458-1197

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

October 2, 2017
SAU Boardroom
5:30 PM

Minutes

Committee Members:

Crista Salamy - Chair, Bernd Foecking, Janine Lesser, Linda Quintanilha, Kristen Reilly, Pierce Rigrod

Committee Members Present: Janine Lesser, Pierce Rigrod, Crista Salamy (5:51 p.m.)

Others Present: Kimberly Saunders, Dr. Ann Forrest, Dick Dunning

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m.

5:30 Approval of September 18, 2017 Minutes

Pierce Rigrod moved to approve the minutes of September 18, 2017. Janine Lesser second. Pierce Rigrod motioned to amend the minutes to reflect the addition of the words “among groups” to read “Janine Lesser asked if fundraising is coordinated among groups. In addition, the word “administration” was struck and replaced with “fees” at the bottom of page two. The addition of wording “that limit access to participation” was also added to the bottom of page two.

Second as amended. Unanimous to approve.

5:35 Review of Policy IJOA K-12 Field Trips

Pierce Rigrod asked for a better idea of where we stand with fees.

Athletic/Co-Curricular – Ed Committee recommended that these fees are covered by the district.

Fees based on day curriculum based field trips – Ed Committee recommended the district covers.

Overnight field trips; curriculum based -pending

International overnight trips- pending

Non-curricular; reward field trips-pending

Discussion took place about what is covered and what is not for athletics. Which teams have coverage for equipment and which are not?

Pierce Rigrod said that it would be much simpler to set aside a certain amount of dollars for need based fee coverage. Continuity is important from one year to the next. One year we would be paying, the next we would not.

Field Trips – Dick Dunning asked why change anything. It works. Janine Lesser suggested a scholarship fund. Not all families want their kids to go on some of these trips; this is a good out for them.

Dick Dunning said that he sees sports and trips as two separate entities. Sports might evolve into a scholarship while a trip to Washington would not.

Kimberly Saunders saw the struggle between the district covering athletic fees and then charging fees to take an Advanced Placement test or Running Start.

Policy IJOA is just about field trips. The question is are we aligning our policy? We can add a piece or amend the policy to detail fees or set up a separate policy about fees, academic or non-academic.

Are we paying for international trips? It was said that this would be a heavy lift. Pierce said that he does not see paying for a student to go to France as viable.

If we are only going to deal with field trips; overnight or reward. Would the committee be comfortable with saying that funds will be set aside to allow for greater participation?

Dick suggested leaving the policy alone. It works. If the board does not want kids to fundraise for Washington or overseas trips they should say so. Have a separate policy on fees.

Dick said that staff who had a close relationship with a student would ask them if they would like to go on a field trip. Staff who had a close relationship with the parents would do the same.

Crista Salamy asked if the policy committee should be told that the Ed Committee is in agreement with the current policy as it stands. Confirmed. Should a policy on fees be brought forward? Agreed. We should have a policy that outlines which fees are covered by the district.

Janine Lesser exited the meeting at 6:25 p.m.

6:00 Fees in the ConVal School District (Part III)

Related to Strategic Plan Action Step: 1.2.7 All opportunities that are made under the auspices of the District will promote inclusion and equity for all students.

Crista Salamy said that the Education Committee could develop a policy and give it to Policy for review.

Do other districts have a policy on fees? Research will take place.

A recommendation will be made at tomorrow's board meeting to waive athletic fees for the remainder of the year, including spring.

6:30 Other

Policy IKF – High School Graduation should come before the board every year.

How does looking at days vs. hours come before the board? Kimberly Saunders said that we have a policy.

Dick Dunning said that he wants to hear that the Superintendent has the authority to have the flexibility to go with days or hours as she sees best.

Kimberly will bring the policy forward to this committee. Our policy says that we will go to school for 180 days. However, she may come to the board for a decision on an end date.

Pierce Rigrod asked if Kimberly is asking for the board to propose what a measure of a year's growth is.

Kimberly asked if an overall measure is being asked or a dashboard for every student. Clarification is needed.

Pierce said that the committee does not have a fix on this. He asked Kimberly to develop a short paragraph with her question.

Pierce Rigrod motioned to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Second. Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Marschok